GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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ALLOTMENT OF LIGNITE BLOCK
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India had allotted Raneri Lignite Block of Bikaner district to the Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMM) and cancelled the allotment on the suggestion of the Neyvelli Lignite Corporation ;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Neyvelli Lignite Corporation to develop this block alongwith the details of time frame thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government proposes to allot this block again to the Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMM); and

(d) if so, by when?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARINARAYANA RAO)

(a): Yes. Sir. The Central Government has, due to techno-economic reasons, cancelled allocation of Raneri lignite block to RSMML. However, in lieu of Raneri block, RSMML has been allocated Gurha (West) lignite block, which has a greater potential of lignite compared to Raneri.

(b): Neyvelli Lignite Corporation (NLC) has undertaken a project entitled `Underground Coal Gasification and its utilisation for power generation studies in lignite deposit of Rajasthan Phase-I` Raneri block is one of the blocks being considered for implementation of the above project. .

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise in view of the answer given part (c) above.